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I am writing today to ask you to please consider carefully the issue of creating a Wal-mart Bank. Wal-Mart is already far too large and powerful, and has shown that as a business it does not play fair with its neighbors. One of the most serious problems has been that Wal-Mart encourages its low paid employees to rely on public funds and services, rather than paying employee medical benefits. Wal-Mart also has a history of putting other local enterprises out of business. This move would return our citizens to the days of the oppressive rule of the company town. I shudder to think of the next generation, owing their souls to Wal-Mart. The owners are among the richest Americans, and their workers and shoppers among the poorest. We don't want Wal-Mart to own AMERICA. This is a potential tragedy for our great country. Please act to preserve our democracy, our economy, and our American way of life, through preserving our access to a diverse, competitive and vital business community.

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